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The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

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The relevance of references AL, AM, AO-AQ was discussed in the Specification. All of these references except AP were also cited during the prosecution of the priority application. Reference AA is an English language U.S. Patent corresponding to German patent document reference AP. Reference AN is an English language European patent document corresponding to German patent document reference AO. Abstracts have been provided for German patent documents AL, AM, and AQ. Full translations of these documents will be produced at the request of the Examiner.

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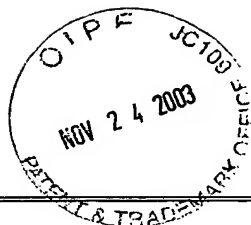
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